

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, January 21, 1877, with transcript

Original typed original . Boston, Mass., Jan 21st, 1877. Dear May

I must write a line this morning to tell you of a note received from the Superintendent of the Telegraphic Department of the Eastern Railroad which is valuable as the testimony of a practical electrician—(even though of an unenlightened man)—to the value of the invention. He says:- 5

“My operator says your trial Sunday was perfect—Good—Good—. Hope he done all you wished.

Now another thing. If any chance to get my fingers in the pie—would like to, I would like the control or agency of it for New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont—

Can make great sales for short lines. Have already had quite a number of applications. Can give you good references.

Yours truly, H. N. Powell.”

I have also received another application for Telephones from Akron Ohio.

I refer everyone to your father.

Will you please send the samples you choose for my suit either to me by mail—or to Messenger Bros.—as they should be making the things at once.

In great haste,

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Your loving, Alec. Will you come with me to Salem on Saturday if I go to see Mrs. Sanders? Please remind me to speak of this when I see you tomorrow. Miss Mabel Hubbard, Beattle St., Cambridge.